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PhM2c DELIVERS OWN SON

Harry Davis Assists Wife In Back Seat of Racing Car

Speeding to Columbus hospital in Seattle at 0300 in the morning last Thursday, Harry Davis, PhM2c, of this hospital delivered his own son while still 5 miles away from the obstetrical room.

The emergency drive covered 8 miles in 10 minutes. It was conducted by a neighbor during the wee hours of the morning when conditions became evident that Mrs. Davis would soon become a mother.

The infant, named Michael Jay, weighed 8 lbs. and 7 ozs. Yowling lustily blocks before he reached the maternity ward, the child was pronounced in perfect health by hospital authorities.

Alice Davis, the proud mother, is reported doing nicely and was overjoyed to hear that her husband had been given 10 days leave to stay at home and take care of their 2-year-old daughter.



lates Harry Davis the morning

Lt. (j.g.) P. Thompson congratulates Harry Davis the morning after successful delivery.

Upon being questioned as to the status of his nerves the following morning, Davis replied, "I was cool as a cucumber at the scene, but I'm sure scared now!"

FRANK KNOX — 1874-1944

The Nation and the Navy over which he presided suffered a tragic loss in the sudden and untimely death of the Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox. As an exponent of the strenuous life, he has self-sacrificingly and unreservedly expended his last ounce of physical and mental strength to the prosecution of the war effort.

During his administration as Secretary, the Navy has reached its peak in development. Never has the world seen sea power developed to such proportions and strength as is exemplified in the American Navy today. To Secretary Knox belongs a great share of credit for this attainment.

As a young man, Mr. Knox volunteered his services in the Spanish-American War and was a member of the famous "Rough Riders." In World War I he again volunteered his service to his country and rose from a Private to a Major of Artillery. He saw active combat service in France. His life has been one of aggressive action in the competitive civil pursuit of the newspaper man, as the soldier, as the politician and as a member of the President's Cabinet in a foremost administrative position.

The Commanding Officer of this hospital had the privilege and pleasure of knowing Mr. Knox personally. He has camped with him at President Hoover's Rapidan Camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. He has ridden horseback with him and sat by the fireside on numerous occasions listening to this dynamic man give fascinatingly to his hearers of his rich experiences. No personage leaves life without creating a void. Secretary Knox has left it as the true soldier or sailor—in service to his country.

J. T. BOONE, Captain (MC) USN.

Kwajalein Bugle Treasured By Marine Veteran

Tom Byrne Saves Mouthpiece After Bombing Raid

Field Musician 1/c Tommy Byrne who claims he's 18 in spite of youthful features keeps the memory of his bugle intact by fondling the remaining bent and broken mouthpiece. Tommy's mighty proud of that souvenir, for together they had



Tommy Byrne

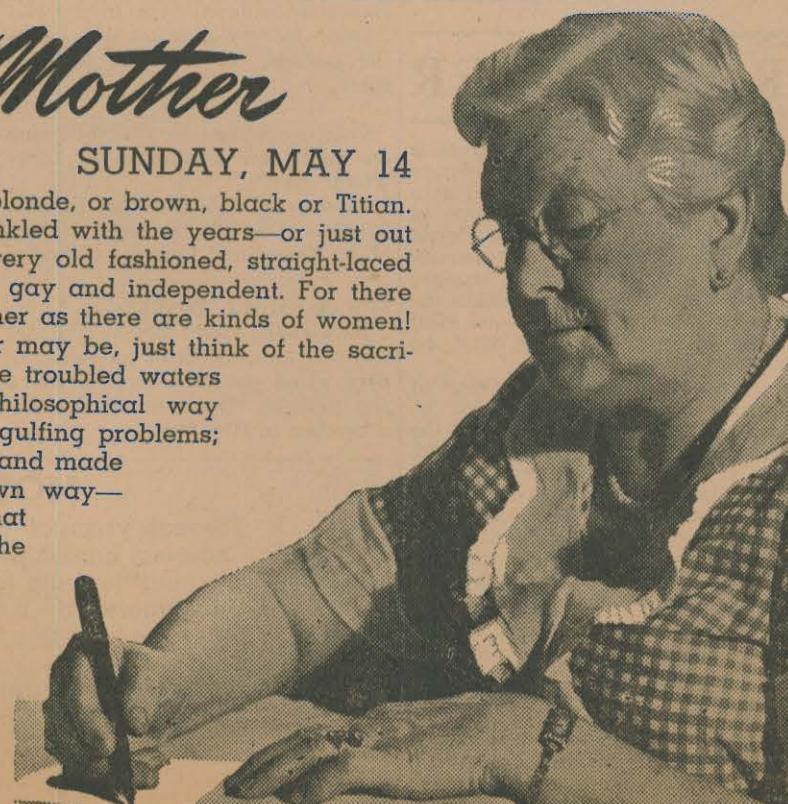
the honor of sounding the first colors that Americans ever heard on Kwajalein Atoll.

Byrne who took his training at Paris Island landed on the Japanese-held Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshalls on January 31. After winning the island in short order, the Stars and Stripes were raised as little Tommy Byrne sounded colors. The following evening, Byrne sounded G. Q., put his bugle under a tree and dove for the nearest fox-hole just as an enemy air raid began. During the raid, Byrne was knocked unconscious from the terrific bombing. Awakening the next morning from the blow on his head, Tom conducted a search for his bugle. He finally located it beneath a stump completely shattered and beyond recognition.

We Honor Mother

SUNDAY, MAY 14

HER HAIR may be silver—or blonde, or brown, black or Titian. She may be old, tiny and wrinkled with the years—or just out of her twenties. She may be very old fashioned, straight-laced and clinging—or very modern, gay and independent. For there are just as many kinds of mother as there are kinds of women! But whatever type your mother may be, just think of the sacrifices she can look back on; the troubled waters she's calmed for you; the philosophical way she's been able to face the engulfing problems; the way she's pitched right in, and made an all-out effort to, in her own way—work and fight for the Victory that will mean freedom 'round the world. A mother can understand best why freedom of speech—freedom to worship—freedom from want—from fear, are so important! That's why nothing's too much for a mother to do. How about you? You couldn't forget to honor her on Mother's Day!



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OUR GENERAL QUARTERS . . .

Periodic fire drills through a system of bell signals are met with skepticism by many hands. Their view is contagious and a new vein of thinking should be effected immediately!

Our fire drills in the form of a General Quarters alarm are planned for the express purpose of fighting fire should it occur anywhere on the grounds at any hour.

The vulnerability of this hospital to fire is apparent even to the most uninitiate. The location, construction and grouping of buildings each contribute in their own way toward increasing the fire hazard. The fact that the grounds are of peat (which is easily ignited) lends further combustibility to the entire compound.

There will be fire hazards regardless of what we do, but we can reduce that hazard by doing everything in our power to prevent their development into actual fires.

But our ace-in-the-hole rests on the ability to combat effectively and immediately any combustible activity that may arise. This may best be realized by full participation in every fire drill by All Hands!

FROM YOUR SKIPPER

In war time transfer of personnel in the military establishments is frequent. In peace time usually the individual, except to meet certain emergencies, has a fair idea how long he or she will be retained at a given station. With the rapid changes enforced by war, the tempo of everything, we might say, related to the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, is very much speeded up. The administration of a large naval activity such as this hospital is made more difficult with the frequent changes of personnel. It is not given to us in the field activities to question the wisdom of the authorities who direct us from Washington. We must meet every change with the willing acceptance to make the best of it, no matter how it complicates and adds to our problems.

Recently the hospital has suffered a great loss in the detachment of the Chief of the Department of Internal Medicine, Commander W. Orville Ramey (MC) USNR. Commander Ramey was one of the original officers assigned to this hospital when it was commissioned. For almost two years now he has been a very important official. By his personality, rare talents and unusual ability he has endeared himself to the entire hospital. He has contributed inestimably to the professional and general welfare of it. He leaves with the good will and best wishes of all hands. We congratulate him on the splendid assignment at sea to which he has been ordered. It is a tribute to the record he has made as a naval officer. Every hospital corpsman should feel a distinct sense of pride in the fact that Doctor Ramey was a hospital corpsman in World War I. This in itself should be a great incentive to the young men who are hospital corpsmen in this war. In saying goodbye to him in behalf of the hospital I can well command him in the highest Navy phrase—"WELL DONE."

J. T. BOONE, Capt. (MC) USN,
Medical Officer in Command.

Western Union Money Orders Handled By Red Cross Office

To expedite the receipt of Western Union Money Orders the Red Cross has accepted the responsibility for their delivery to patients and hospital personnel. The money orders will be brought to the hospital daily except Wednesday and can be called for at Red Cross Office No. 1 in the Recreation Building between the hours of 0800 and 1630. The money orders received by Western Union during late afternoon and evening hours will be available at the main office of Western Union, First and Cherry Streets. Those not called for will be brought to the Red Cross Office the next day and held here for your convenience.

You will be notified daily of money orders available in the Red Cross Office as well as those held at the main office in town. For your own convenience check with the Red Cross prior to going into town for your money order as a special trip may be saved. Servicemen's money orders will be held ten days. If not called for in that period of time they will be returned to the sender.

NURSES NOTES

Direct from Espiritu Santas in the New Hebrides came Lt. (j.g) Ellen L. Lechner who now makes rounds in the "Twenty" Wards. Many of her patients in Espiritu are here now . . . so it's like old times. "It was good duty in Espiritu, but I'm mighty happy to be back," quote she.

Another recent arrival is Ensign Buchanan ordered here from Pearl Harbor. Believe it or not she praises the Islands, because here home is there.

Congratulations to the following on their new promotion to Lieutenant (j.g).

Frances Platis, Dorothy Donley, Virginia Donnell, Frances Kehoe, Mary Bivens and Leatrice Gillert.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

Kwajalein Atoll (CNS)—Marines were in the process of mopping up here when out of a dugout ran a Jap yelling: "Don't shoot. I've got a brother in Brooklyn."

MOTHER

Through years of grief and strife you strove,
Enduring hardships all untold.
Clearing the path for me to walk,
Unhampered by the earthly mock.
But some sad day I know we'll part,
To meet again . . . for in my heart
Exists the light, that burns so clear,
The love for you, my mother dear.

—O. B. Vangen, USMC, Wd. 8

Chaplains Corner



DIVINE SERVICES

Recreation Hall

CATHOLIC

Chaplain Oliver P. Zinnen
Sunday Mass 0630, 0730 and 0930
Week-day Mass 0620, (unless otherwise announced).

Confessions: Before every Mass in the Recreation Hall, Saturdays: 1530 to 1700, and after the first movie, in the Chaplain's Office. When there is no movie, 1800 to 1930.

PROTESTANT

Chaplain G. W. J. Hartzel
Holy Communion 0830
Morning Prayer and Sermon 1030
Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays 1700

Mother's Day, 1944

The second Sunday in May will be observed throughout the world this year as Mother's Day. Wherever American men and women are serving their country . . . on land, on sea, or in the air . . . their thoughts will be especially centered upon home and mother. Many Mothers will be heavy-hearted this year knowing that their son or daughter is far from home, but they will bravely bear this Cross and do what Mothers everywhere have always done . . . pray for the protection of their loved ones and to ask Almighty God for their safe and speedy return.

We can't all be with our Mothers in the flesh on this war-time Mother's Day, but we can make their hearts glad with the knowledge that we are praying for them too. Why not avail yourselves of the privilege of participating in the Divine Services scheduled for this Mother's Day? A little added effort on your part in attending Divine Services will make the observance of Mother's Day truly worthwhile and richly rewarding.

Jewish Flyer Treasures Gift of Catholic Medal

South Pacific (CNS)—Lt. Stanley Greenhouse wears the Air Medal, the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross, but his most prized possession is a Catholic Miraculous Medal of the Blessed Virgin given him by an Irish tailor in the Bronx.

Lt. Greenhouse, who is Jewish, said the tailor gave him the Medallion as a parting gift when he went into the Army. He credits it with getting him back from 46 dangerous missions against the Japanese in this area.

KING COUNTY CORONER JOINS HOSPITAL CORPS STAFF HERE

J. P. Brill Enlisted in the Navy As Apprentice Seaman

Proving the old adage, "You can't tell a man by the uniform he wears," is John P. Brill, a Pharmacist's Mate 3c at this hospital. His official civilian position is Coroner of King County and Seattle, although he is now on leave of absence from that office for the war's duration.

Mr. Brill, who is 34 years old, enlisted as an Apprentice Seaman last December and completed his "boot" training at Farragut, Idaho. He obtained a rating of PhM3c there and was recently assigned to this hospital. His association with the coroner's office dates back to 1935, but in 1942, he was elected coroner by the people of Seattle and King County to a term that will not expire until 1947. His technical experience is borne out by that fact that he has handled over 2,000 autopsies, a record that probably tops most men in the Navy.

Patriotism runs in Brill's family. One brother, Paul, is now with the invasion Army in Italy while another, Fred, is a Machinist's Mate 1/c in the Navy.



J. P. Brill at Work

Music Library Invites Patrons

Many of the popular artists in concert and radio today are now represented by recordings in our library. Included among these are vocalists, Gladys Swarthout, Lotte Lehmann, Dorothy Maynor, Ezio Pinza, Lawrence Tibbett, Lauritz Melchoir; violinists, Kreisler, Heifetz, Elman and Menuhin.

Our finest representation at present is, however, in the symphonic field with excellent renditions by leading symphony orchestras of the world lead by such renowned conductors as Milstein, Stokowski, Barbirolli, Jensen, Beecham, Kostelanetz, and Toscanini.

Likewise if you are by chance an opera fan, you will enjoy selections from "La Tosca," "Rigoletto," "Madame Butterfly," "Carmen," "Faust," "Martha" and the inimitable Gilbert and Sullivan "Pinafore."

Take advantage of this happy opportunity to spend much pleasant and profitable time in your own music library.

Buy War Bonds!

Remember Mother . . .



WAVE Vi Blako, formerly stationed here, was out to visit a week or so ago from her present duty at District Headquarters. She's really got a deal down there. Takes drafts of newly enlisted WAVES to Hunter College for their boot training, has a day or two to see New York, and comes back. Repeat performance every three weeks. That is good duty!

One by one our "leave hounds" are wandering back to the fold. L. Merker and J. Walljasper are the latest. Nightly sessions in the 2nd mate lounge are held for all who wish to hear their tales of the outside world. Admission fee to these gab fests is anything edible.

HOSPITAL BLANKS LEAGUE CHAMPS 6-0

Eleven strikeouts by Grabowski told the story as the U. S. Naval Hospital softball team wallop the Anti-Aircraft Deadeyes 6-0 in the season's opener last Tuesday.

Pitcher Alex Grabowski was chuckin' a no-hit, no-run game until the Deadeyes spoiled it with one single in the final inning. The team, in their initial victory, beat the league champions of the past two years.

The hospital drew blood in the first inning when the first man up, Frank Mudron, smacked a single. "Rube" Brewster walked and the third men up laid down a perfect bunt scoring Mudron. True to tradition, Brewster then stole home base, scoring the second run and the first inning ended with the Deadeyes looking more like fish-eyes.

A rally in the fourth frame brought home the bacon with four more runs making the total six. The

final inning was hardest on the nerves with the team now trying for a shutout. The second man up for the opponents squeezed a single which broke the "no-hit" spell although the game ended with no further activity by the Anti-Aircraft club.

Feature of the game was when Grabowski won his own game by not only pitching to perfection but by slugging out a three-bagger.

R H E		
Naval Hospital	6	7
A. A. Deadeyes	0	1
Batteries: Grabowski and Simpson; Capibianco and Rubin.		



Harry Davis, PhM 2c Staff.
Boy: Michael Jay.
Weight: 8 lbs., 7 oz.
Delivered by Father.



Meet Art Tatro, PhM3c, who plays a terrific shortstop position on our Hospital Softball team. Art hails from Garden City, Michigan, and has been here since last July arriving from Great Lakes Training

Tatro also played in the Inter County League of Michigan. His team became a division champion in that league only to drop the last game in the finals.

CNS FLASH

GIs overseas are going to hear broadcasts of big league ball games this summer although as yet no one has thought of a way to shortwave them the schnapps and frankfurters the concessionaires peddle.

The Armed Forces Radio Service plans to shortwave play-by-play accounts of the last hour of a major league game over an East Coast station every Sunday from 3:30 to 4:30 p. m. to England and North Africa. Yanks in South and Central America, the Antilles, Caribbean, Alaska and Aleutian bases will get broadcasts of Pacific Coast League games every Sunday at 2:30. A half hour recreation of a big league game will be beamed by five West Coast stations to the same locations five days a week and also to the South Pacific, Southwest Pacific, and the CBI Theater.



Station and Corps School. He is under instruction in Surgery at present.

Art played baseball at the Fordson High School club in Dearborn, Michigan, where he was that team's captain for two years. During both seasons his team won the league championship.

HOSPITAL'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Field	Time
5/4 Nav. Hosp. vs. Port M.P.'s	Garfield H. S. 1900
5/9 Nav. Hosp. vs. C. G. Hdqrs.	Garfield H. S. 2045
5/11 Nav. Hosp. vs. Sand Point	Montlake 1800
5/16 Nav. Hosp. vs. C. G. Repair	Broadway 1800
5/23 Nav. Hosp. vs. Deadeyes	Rainier 1915
5/25 Nav. Hosp. vs. Port M.P.'s	Montlake 1915
5/30 Nav. Hosp. vs. C. G. Hdqrs.	Rainier 1915
6/6 Nav. Hosp. vs. Sand Point	Sand Point 1800
6/8 Nav. Hosp. vs. C. G. Repair	Montlake 1915
6/13 Nav. Hosp. vs. A. A. Deadeyes	Broadway 2030
6/20 Nav. Hosp. vs. C. G. Hdqrs.	Green Lake 1800
6/22 Nav. Hosp. vs. Port M.P.'s	Montlake 1800
6/27 Nav. Hosp. vs. Sand Point	Montlake 1800



If you don't think JESSE ROBINSON, StM1c of the galley can blush . . . just call him "Sugah Plum." His Alabama blood barbecues his peaceful nature on that score.

Ambitious is Wave BECKLEY, who works in the Dental Lab all day and then spends her evenings studying (?) in the Medical storeroom.

The Doctor was questioning the new nurse about her latest patient.

"Have you kept a chart of his progress?"

Blushing, the nurse replied:

"No, but I can show you my diary . . ."

Wave: "I've broken my glasses. Will I have to be examined all over again?"

Optician: "No, only your eyes."

PhM3c: "Why didn't you laugh when the Chief Pharmacist told that joke?"

PhM1c: "Didn't have to. I'm getting transferred tomorrow."

Sailor: "Going my way, baby?"
She: "Sir, in front of the library is no place to accost a girl who lives at 215 1st Ave. Ga. 6436."

"Ah wins."
"What yuh got?"
"Three Aces."
"No you don't. Ah wins."
"What yuh got?"
"Two eights and a razor."
"Yuh shore do. How come yuh so lucky?"

Brooklyn Boot: "Is dat a boid?"
Seattle Seaman: "No, it's a bird."
Brooklyn Boot: "Well, it choips like a boid!"

GOB GAB

You make with a swab
And not with a mop
Topside, not upstairs
To get to the top.

You stand on the deck
Tho' it's green with grass,
And it's chow, not food
You get as you pass.

Boat is to ship
As hill is to mountain,
You drink from a scuttlebutt,
Not from a fountain.

The gentlemen's lounge
Is known as the head.
You sleep in your sack
And not in your bed.

You stow your gear,
Not put it away.
And say, "Squared Away,"
Instead of "O.K."

It's Port and Starboard,
Not left and right.
A rope is a line,
And a loop is a light.

You square your hat
When you make it round.
You hit the deck
As the bugle sounds.

But your favorite phrase
That phrase of dreams.
Comes on Payday . . .
Then the "Eagle screams."

—F. NILES, Sgt., USMC.

Syracuse, N. Y. (CNS)—George Scott received permission of the court here to change his name to Wojcieth Kuc.

GOLD BRAID CODE

"Take immediate action." — Do something in a hurry before we both catch hell.

"For your information." — Let's forget it.

"Your observations are desired." — Do the dirty work so I can write: "Forwarded."

"Your department is negligent." — I have just been given hell.

"You are to be commended." — There's a particularly tough job coming in the next routing.

"Naval tradition demands." — I have just been talking to an old chief.

"A growing body of naval opinion." — Two gold braids have agreed.

"Take necessary action." — It's your headache now!

"You will remember." — I have forgotten; so have you.

"We should confer." — Send your yeoman over to see mine.

"Forwarded." — Pigeon-holed in a more ornate desk.

"On or about" — Within six months of given date.

"Give this your immediate attention." — For goodness sake find those papers.

"You will show him every courtesy" — His uncle is an admiral.

—THE CORSAIR.

TIPS ON THE PIX

First Show Begins at 1730
TUESDAY, MAY 2—

JACK BENNY and all his Radio Cast will present their show on the stage at 1900—Come Early! "PRESENTING LILY MARS." Judy Garland—Van Heflin.

THURSDAY, MAY 4—

"DUBARRY WAS A LADY." Lucille Ball—Red Skelton.

FRIDAY, MAY 5—

"GAS LIGHTS." Charles Boyer—Ingrid Bergman.

"VICTORY VARIETY SHOW" by the Washington Athletic Club. On the Stage 1930.

SATURDAY, MAY 6—

"SOMEWHERE I'LL FIND YOU." Clark Gable—Lana Turner.

SUNDAY, MAY 7—

"SOMEWHERE I'LL FIND YOU." Clark Gable—Lana Turner.

Houston, Tex. (CNS)—There is a city ordinance here which prohibits citizens from looking at a girl in a manner described as "making goo-goo eyes."

BOATSWAIN BOBBED BY BARBER

Tonsorial Pleasures Flatter Flannery's Bald Head

"Boats" needed. He canceled a toupee deal that had been pending and put his head in Barber Bill's hands.

Flannery's action was instigated by criticism of his personal appearance after acquiring the position of head waiter and chow line director in Mess Hall No. 3. Nail neatness has always been a "must" with old "Boats."

Daily inspection will mark the progress (if any) of little hairlet shoots. According to Barber Bill the first crop will appear in patches when the customer approaches senility.



"Hair Grow" proved futile on "boats" as Barber Bill Williams, Wave Dorothy Carrigan and Bootblack Charlie Hughes worked desperately.